

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 947
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jim Nichols of the
Memphis Police Department for his estimable
service to Tennessee.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their own concerns to ensure our collective freedom and personal safety, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, in providing for the domestic tranquility of the community as a whole, society recognizes the need for a system of laws; the enforcement of the law has been entrusted to a small number of dedicated individuals; and

WHEREAS, these individuals, known as law enforcement officers, daily face the rigors of human conflict in protecting those whom they so selflessly serve; and

WHEREAS, Jim Nichols of the Memphis Police Department is one such individual who has served his community and this state with acumen and alacrity for three decades; and

WHEREAS, after completing a tour of duty with the United States Marine Corps in 1970, this intrepid American became a police officer with the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 1974, he joined the Memphis Police Department, and Tennessee has now benefited from his service for thirty years; and

WHEREAS, during his estimable tenure with the department, he has served in numerous positions, earning distinction in a wide range of activities; at various times, he has served as a Uniformed Patrol Officer; Child Sex Abuse, Robbery, and Homicide Investigator; and a member of the Special Traffic Investigative Squad, Crime Scene Squad, Bomb Squad, and Wonders Exhibition; and

WHEREAS, currently, he serves as commander of the Hickory Hill CoAct, a substation of the East Precinct; in this position, he has implemented his positive vision for the community by forming the 501.3.c organization REACH & TEACH, which signifies "Reach Every Adult and Child with Hope and Teach Every Adult and Child Hope"; and

WHEREAS, that initiative is just the latest endeavor in a career full of instances in which this fine officer has gone above and beyond the call of duty to better serve his community; he has also been an invaluable contributor to causes such as Crime Stoppers, Weapon's Watch, Neighborhood Watch, and the Court Appointed Child Advocate Program, and he is the founder of the Memphis Police Department Explorers Post and the Fellowship of Christian Police Officers; and

WHEREAS, he has earned the utmost respect and admiration of his peers and the people of Memphis; known affectionately by the youth of his community as "Poppa Nick," Jim Nichols is considered a "Godsent cop" by the residents of Hickory Hills; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure with the Memphis Police Department, Mr. Nichols has served with great bravery and ability; his career has been marked by selfless service, and his community policing efforts have made an immense difference for the people of his community; and

WHEREAS, Jim Nichols has performed his duties with the utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism; his service can only be categorized as outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Jim Nichols as he celebrates thirty years of service to the Memphis Police Department, salute his supreme contributions to Tennessee, and offer our thanks for his hard work to protect the citizens of this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.